

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to increase Rates for Water Service in its Palos Verdes District.

Application 03-01-034
(Filed January 31, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Oroville District.

Application 03-01-035
(Filed January 31, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Selma District.

Application 03-01-036
(Filed January 31, 2003)

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Dominguez District.

Application 03-01-037
(Filed January 31, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
FOLLOWING HEARING ON MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT**

This matter came before the Commission on Friday, November 21, 2003, on the joint motion of California Water Service Company (CWS) and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) to adopt the proposed settlement in this proceeding (Motion of October 23, 2003). An evidentiary hearing was held on the proposed settlement. CWS appeared through its attorney, John S. Tootle; and ORA appeared through its attorney, Monique Steele. Michele Waterbury

appeared for herself and as a representative of the City of Oroville Park Commission. None of the other intervenors appeared although they previously indicated their approval of the settlement.

The following witnesses were sworn and testified: Tom Smegal, CWS; Yoke Chan, ORA; Seaneen M. Wilson, ORA; and Michele Waterbury.

By stipulation among all parties present, Exhibits 1-35 were marked for identification and introduced into evidence. The exhibit index appears as Attachment A.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The record remains open to and including Friday, December 12, 2003, for the parties to submit: (a) citations to the pertinent provisions of the exhibits where additional information concerning the need, cost, description, and feasibility of projects or actions proposed for advice letter consideration may be found; and/or (b) additional exhibits providing this information. In the event additional exhibits are submitted, they will be admitted into evidence by stipulation starting with Ex. No. 36. Such exhibits should not be filed with the Commission's Docket Office but should be submitted to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge.

2. On or before Friday, December 12, 2003, the parties shall file and serve a pleading enumerating the specific authorizations they desire to be included in the ordering paragraphs of the decision in this proceeding.

3. Unless otherwise ordered, this proceeding will be deemed submitted on December 12, 2003.

Dated November 24, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN THORSON

John Thorson
Administrative Law Judge

**Attachment A:
Exhibit Index
Hearing on Proposed Settlement
November 21, 2003**

Ex No.	Witness or Party	Description	Ident.	Received
1	ORA/Stipulation	Cost of Capital	11/21/03	11/21/03
2	ORA/Stipulation	General Office	11/21/03	11/21/03
3	ORA/Stipulation	Result of Operations – Palos Verdes	11/21/03	11/21/03
4	ORA/Stipulation	Result of Operations – Dominguez	11/21/03	11/21/03
5	ORA/Stipulation	Result of Operations – Selma	11/21/03	11/21/03
6	ORA/Stipulation	Result of Operations – Oroville	11/21/03	11/21/03
7	CWS/Stipulation	Report on Financial Requirements	11/21/03	1 1/21/03
8	CWS/Stipulation	Rebuttal Testimony	11/21/03	11/21/03
9	CWS/Stipulation	General Report of Operations	11/21/03	11/21/03
10	CWS/Stipulation	Prepared Testimony: General Operations Report	11/21/03	11/21/03
11	CWS/Stipulation	Report on Operations – Oroville	11/21/03	11/21/03
12	CWS/Stipulation	Report on Operations – Oroville	11/21/03	11/21/03
13	CWS/Stipulation	Urban Water Management Plan - Oroville	11/21/03	11/21/03
14	CWS/Stipulation	Prepared Testimony – Palos Verdes	11/21/03	11/21/03
15	CWS/Stipulation	Report on Operations – Palos Verdes	11/21/03	11/21/03
16	CWS/Stipulation	Urban Water Management Plan – Palos Verdes	11/21/03	11/21/03
17	CWS/Stipulation	Prepared Testimony – Selma	11/21/03	11/21/03

18	CWS/Stipulation	Report on Operations – Selma	11/21/03	11/21/03
19	CWS/Stipulation	Urban Water Management Plan – Selma	11/21/03	11/21/03
20	CWS/Stipulation	Prepared Testimony – Dominguez	11/21/03	11/21/03
21	CWS/Stipulation	Report on Operations – Dominguez	11/21/03	11/21/03
22	CWS/Stipulation	Urban Water Management Plan – Dominguez	11/21/03	11/21/03
23	CWS/Stipulation	Settlement Agreement	11/21/03	11/21/03
24	CWS/Stipulation	Settlement Addendum	11/21/03	11/21/03
25	CWS/Stipulation	Parties’ Join Comparison Exhibit	11/21/03	11/21/03
26	Waterbury/ Stipulation	CWS 2002 Annual Report	11/21/03	11/21/03
27	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Marysville Flat Rate	11/21/03	11/21/03
28	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Willows Flat Rate	11/21/03	11/21/03
29	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Chico Flat Rate	11/21/03	11/21/03
30	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Oroville Flat Rate	11/21/03	11/21/03
31	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Rate Comparison	11/21/03	11/21/03
32	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Oroville Tariff (Multiple Years)	11/21/03	11/21/03
33	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Memo 10/27/03	11/21/03	11/21/03
34	Waterbury/ Stipulation	Activity Description	11/21/03	11/21/03
35	Waterbury/ Stipulation	PIC Letter	11/21/03	11/21/03

(END OF ATTACHMENT A)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Following Hearing On Motion To Approve Settlement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 24, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

KRIS KELLER

Kris Keller

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